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TAMIFLU (OSELTAMIVIR PHOSPHATE) FOR 2007/08 INFLUENZA SEASON

Tamiflu (oseltamivir phosphate) for the prophylaxis and treatment during outbreaks of Influenza A or Influenza B will continue to be an eligible PharmaCare benefit for Plan B only (Permanent Residents of Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities) for the 2007/08 influenza season.

DIN	MAN	DRUG NAME
2241472	4328[1]	TAMIFLU® (oseltamivir phosphate) 75 mg capsule
2245549	4328[1]	TAMIFLU® (oseltamivir phosphate) 12 mg/ml oral suspension

[1] Hoffmann-La Roche

VETERINARY PRESCRIPTIONS—REMINDER

When dispensing veterinary medications, please do not assign a PHN to an animal. Instead, **use the PHN of the pet's owner**.

To prevent the drug from adjudicating on PharmaNet and to ensure the drug will not appear on the pet owner's patient record:

- Use the **veterinarian's license number** as the Practitioner Identification (Pract. ID)
- Use **V9** as the Reference Code

Following the requirements above also ensures that the veterinary prescription will not affect Drug Utilization Evaluation (DUE) results for the pet owner.

The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgment. Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete. The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective in any given patient. Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.

SPECIAL SERVICES FEES

The number of Special Services fees paid by PharmaCare over the past twelve months are:

Jul 2007	3,073	Jan 2007	2,653
Jun 2007	3,200	Dec 2006	4,462
May 2007	3,385	Nov 2006	4,425
Apr 2007	2,861	Oct 2006	3,715
Mar 2007	3,135	Sep 2006	3,505
Feb 2007	2,777	Aug 2006	3,361

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